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Dear Ms. Kaminski:

I am pleased to announce the initiation of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) reregistration eligibility review and tolerance reassessment for the pesticide oxyfluorfen, for which you hold a technical product registration. The enclosed human health and ecological risk assessments summarize the existing database and describe the risks associated with the use of oxyfluorfen. Within the next 30 days, please identify and comment on any errors in these documents. In addition, we would like you to inform the Agency of any newly completed, pending, or planned studies involving oxyfluorfen. While reviewing the risk assessments, please note that the Agency is currently making a determination regarding the need for oxyfluorfen to be re-evaluated by the Cancer Assessment Review Committee (CARC) of the Health Effects Division.

This advance opportunity to review EPA's pesticide risk assessments for errors is an integral part of a wider effort to involve the public in implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996. As described in section VIII of the *Federal Register* Notice published on March 15, 2000 (65 FR 14200), the EPA is following an interim public participation process during fiscal year 2001 for the reregistration of oxyfluorfen.

Please submit your error correction comments within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Upon receipt, we will evaluate your comments and prepare a written response, and will revise the risk assessments**,** as necessary. Errors include mathematical, computational, typographic, or other similar errors. At this stage, we will respond only to errors that do not pertain to matters of policy, interpretation, or applicability of data. On or about November 30, 2001, EPA will release to the public the risk assessments, your comments, and the Agency's review and discussion of your comments. These documents will be placed in a Public Docket and posted on EPA's Internet site. The EPA will announce the availability of these documents via a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register, and through an electronic listserver message.

Please inform us of any pertinent, on-going or planned studies, or other sources of information on oxyfluorfen, and your timetable for completing and submitting such data and information to the Agency. This will enable EPA to plan better for refining its risk assessments and completing reregistration and tolerance reassessment.

Please send your response in both printed and electronic (pdf or html) format to Deanna Scher, the Chemical Review Manager for oxyfluorfen at the addresses listed below. If you have any questions, please contact her at (703) 308-7043.

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